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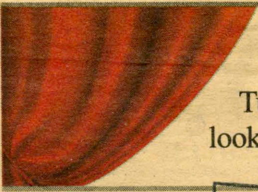

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Culture of disrespect forces policy review

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The chaotic swarm of students fighting for a seat on the Late-Night Jitney outside of Sadove is a familiar sight on weekend nights. Starting this semester, however, that mob will tremendously shrink in size.

In an Aug. 22 email welcoming the start of the 2014-15 academic year, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson detailed the administration's concerns in regards to the drinking culture at Hamilton and presented initiatives it would implement "to promote a healthy social climate while reducing dangerous, destructive, and disruptive behaviors." Efforts include more strictly enforcing alcohol and quiet hours policies in designated first-year housing, restricting the Sadove Student Center basement social space to sub-free events and prohibiting the display of alcoholic beverage containers in residence halls.

Fervent student protest—including many disgruntled posts across social media channels—was associated most closely with Thompson's announcement of changes to the Late-Night Jitney serve. As a part of a new pilot program, only students of legal age will be permitted to board the shuttle after 10 p.m., and a $1 fare will be charged. Additionally, a Campus Safety officer will be present with a card reader to verify Hill Cards and collect the fare.

In a follow-up email detailing these specific changes, Associate Dean of Students for Student Engagement and Leadership Lisa Magnarelli '96 clarified that students of any age would be allowed to return to campus from downtown Clinton on the jitney after 10 p.m., free of charge.

These changes to campus policies were proposed in the spring when the administration met to discuss inappropriate and unsafe behaviors demonstrated by students the previous semester. Ultimately, those incidents only became additional markers of escalating student unruliness in a series spanning across many semesters. In September 2012, due to the infamous "Mad Dog" incident, the number of calls for medical assistance on and off the Hill was so great that the Mohawk Valley and nearby communities were forced to declare the drunken spectacle at Hamilton a "Mass Casualty Incident." Then, in September 2013, student disorder in Clinton received so much attention from locals and the state itself that *The Wall Street Journal* covered it in its article, "NY College Partiers 'Took Over' Village."

During their meeting in the spring the administration, based upon the reports from jitney coordinators, recognized that the College's Late-Night service was inevitably endorsing such chaos.

"We've had more problems at the jitney than we've had in the past," explained Director of Campus Safety Francis Manfredo. "Several incidents that seemed to happen over and over…Students who are intoxicated tend to distract the driver during operation…They fail to obey the driver, and they usually are highly disrespectful … They've caused damage to [various parts of] the bus. We've had numerous complaints that the rear emergency door was open during transportation. Students...tend to bum rush the bus, and what happens is they overload it and they refuse to exit the bus. There was alcohol consump-

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FYE program looks to build over year

By Kirsty Warren '18
News Contributor

First-year students' confusion does not end when orientation's name games and ice-breakers do. Many first-years are still stumbling into the wrong Root building by day and searching desperately for parties by night. Hamilton's new First-Year Experience program (FYE) will extend throughout the first semester in an effort to remedy that.

"We're going to be giving first years information to help them to come to understand Hamilton and make that transition to college easier and more enjoyable. It can always be a little bit rough," said Eric Lintala '16, one of four FYE student leaders.

FYE debuted this year but has been in development since fall of 2011 according to Senior Associate Dean of Students for Strategic Initiatives Meredith Harper Bonham. The program was modeled after similar ones at other schools.

"The primary goal of the First-Year Experience is to enhance students' sense of belonging from the moment they step foot on campus," Bonham said.

Five "core" events, Academic Life Hacks, Diversity and Difference, Time Management & Study Skills, "Speak About It", and Wellness and Balance will take place every Sunday beginning Sept. 7. "Speak About It" is a presentation about consent and healthy relationships put on by a team of performers, while the other four events were planned by Lintala, Bennett Hambrook '17, Denise Meza Reyes '16 and Courtney Somerville '16. Hambrook said that even if a student only accesses the FYE program once or twice, it can make a big difference.

"When I was a first year we didn't really have anything outside of orientation. With these programs, the idea is that it will happen throughout the first semester," Lintala said. "As you take classes if you realize 'Oh, I'm terrible at getting my work in on time and still being able to talk to my friends, then we'll have a session about time management a few weeks in."

FYE's first event on Aug. 30, a party in the Annex called Prom Down For What?! was attended by about 100 students, according to Hambrook. Reyes hopes word of mouth will increase involvement. "Since the four leaders are all very diverse, our goal is to go out to our friends and the people that we know,"

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XA added to pre-orientation options

By Shannon O'Brien '15
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"I can't imagine a better way to start college and set yourself up for having an amazing four years at Hamilton than by participating in pre-orientation," said Malindi Chesnut-Tangerman '15, a three-time OA/AA leader. "Pre-orientation is one of my favorite parts of the year." Hamilton's beloved pre-orientation program has grown in popularity over the past several years, but it is about to undergo a huge transformation: beginning with next year's class of first-years, pre-orientation will be mandatory.

As a part of its pre-orientation program this year, Hamilton College ran 31 Adirondack Adventure (AA) trips, two Outreach Adventure (OA) trips, and four eXploration Adventure (XA) trips. XA, the newest addition to the program, was created to attract students who have more academically-based interests. Student leaders pair with faculty members to lead trips that include a combination of museum visits, movie viewings and service-learning and site-seeing activities.

This year, the four XA trips included Beekeeping with Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, Food, Mind, and Body with Professor of English and Creative Writing Naomi Guttman, New York Warfare with Professor of History Maurice Isserman and Arts and Culture of Utica with student leaders.

Jennie "JX" Wilber '17, leader of the Food, Mind, Body trip, explained how constructive her trip was for herself and her participants. "Pre-orientation means a chance to meet others, have fun, and learn something new without the stress of school," Wilbur said. "It's a time to develop yourself while challenging who you were and envisioning who you want to be."

The addition of the XA trips to pre-orientation is only a preview of the changes that will occur in the program. Coordinator of Orientation and First-Year Programs Tessa Chefalo estimates that about 25 XA trips will be added for next year's mandatory program, along with 31 AA trips and six OA trips. Chefalo emphasized that the program will still keep its tradition of fostering small, close-knit groups where new students can easily get to know one another and become comfortable at college. "The plan for next year is to maintain the group sizes that have characterized pre-orientation trips in the past," she said.

"The small number of students per trip is an important aspect in relation-

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Mary Evans '82 retires, Career Center looks forward

By Liam Wallace '16
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Last month, Career Center Executive Director Mary Evans '82 retired from Hamilton College after more than thirty years of service. She was instrumental in organizing College fundraising that helped shape the Hamilton of today and re-envision the role of the Career Center.

Evans' time on the Hill began in 1978 as part of Hamilton's first coeducational class. Evans counts herself lucky to have been part this "group of women and men who went on to shape a very different Hamilton moving forward." Her time as a student would be distinguished, culminating in her receipt of the 1982 James Soper Merrill Prize, an award given to a member of the graduating class "who, in character and influence, has typified the highest ideals of the College." While graduation often marks the end of one's time on the Hill, this was not the case for Evans.

Evans' employment at Hamilton began immediately after she graduated, when she accepted an internship working on the senior gift campaign. For the next thirty-two years, Evans worked on the Hill in different positions, primarily in Communications and Development, in a tenure that proved wildly beneficial to the community.

Her longtime role in the College's principle gifts program, working with both alumni and parents, was essential in shaping the campus and the programs offered by the College today. Evans found this experience to be valuable in understanding what Hamilton means to many, saying "Along the way, those same benefactors taught me a lot about loyalty and fidelity to Hamilton, the place where we gain an education that fuels us for our lifetimes."

Four years ago ,when Communications and Development was tasked with operating a re-envisioned Career Center, Vice President for Communications and Development Dick Tantillo believed that Evans was the best candidate for the position of director. "Clearly Mary was the right person to help to propel the career services for our students to new heights," he explained.

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Mary Evans won the James Soper Merrill Prize at Class and Charter Day as a senior in 1982.

Evans left her position with Communications and Development to take on this new role. The chance to help build the new Center excited Evans. "I jumped at the opportunity to work with that amazing team on the third floor of Bristol to imagine and implement a best in class model for the liberal arts and especially to be on campus working directly with students." She believes strongly in her work, stating, "Three years later, I think we have done just that."

Tantillo agreed with Evans' notion, saying "She took a very strong program and began to build what I would call a best in class operation." In particular, he praised the substantial increase in the amount of programming provided by the Career Center, including new programs aimed at first-years.

Evans intends to stay active following her departure from Hamilton. She said "I will be moving to New York City in September and am doing my own networking for a new position. No surprise, I'm using Hamilton as my first source for advice and contacts, just as I hope our students will." Moreover, her move to the city will not remove her from the Hamilton community. "I hope to hear from Hamiltonians passing through New York. Find me on My Hamilton!"

Yet, despite the absence of Evans, the Career Center looks to build on the gains that it made under her leadership. Tantillo has assumed the role of interim executive director and believes that "the future is only bright." Under the past restructuring of the Center, "the College has identified [the Career Center] as a significant priority for the years ahead." In particular, Tantillo says the Center intends to "more fully engage our alumni and parent volunteers in the career exploration process of our students," a process in which he believes they are stakeholders. "The more we can take advantage of those assets ... our alumni and parents, it will, we believe, exponentially improve our services."

Hamilton community welcomes six tenure-track hires

By Mackenzie Doherty '18
News Contributor

As the new school year at Hamilton officially begins and students adjust to new classes, schedules and a new campus, we often forget that we are not the only ones beginning again. The Hamilton faculty has a handful of fresh faces this year, the most prominent of those being six tenure track hires. They will serve as teachers, mentors and lecturers to students in the subject areas of physics, psychology, philosophy, biology and government.

Additionally, there will be 24 visiting instructors and three teaching fellows on campus throughout the 2014-2015 academic year. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Patrick Reynolds has great confidence that these new members will be stellar additions to the Hamilton community. Reynolds is sure that each new staff member brings with them an "innate dedication to teaching and the success of students, a hunger for scholarship and creative activity in their respective fields, and a professional commitment to Hamilton, its governance, and its progress as an institution of higher education."

Alex Plakias '02, who joins the staff as an assistant professor in philosophy, as a Hamilton graduate has a bit of a head up on the others. Even during her time as a student here, Plakias knew that she wanted to end up working at, or being involved with, a similar type of institution. Some things are new to her (the Wellin Museum, the Kennedy Center, the open curriculum), but, she said, "The important things have stayed the same: small classes, the sense of community, and the enthusiasm that both students and faculty bring to their work." Plakias, who specializes in moral psychology and the role of evolution and culture in our moral values, is excited to share her philosophical expertise with eager Hamilton students, but looks forward even more so to getting to know her students on a personal level. "I had wonderful professors here," she said, "and I learned so much from them in and out of the classroom. I hope I can pass some of that along to my own students."

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Top row: Causadias, Townsend, De Bruin
Bottom row: Plakias, Thiruchselvam, Jones-Smith

Jose M. Causadias, Ph.D. in psychology, is a another tenure track hire ecstatic to be on the Hill. Causadias specializes in the interplay of cultural and biological processes in the development of psychopathology and health. His first priority in coming to Hamilton is to educate students to the best of his ability by exposing them to "the depth and breadth of psychology" and instilling in them a pure love of the science. His goals are not solely academic, though; Causadias is passionately concerned with the development of immigrants and refugees in this country and believes that scientists have an indisputable social responsibility.

"I want to work with the community in Utica in a mutually beneficial manner," he said. "I believe my research can shed some light on the incredible lives of people that choose, or had no choice, to move to this country."

The four additional tenure track appointments were not available for comment, but are: Erica De Bruin in the government department, Ravi Thiruchselvam in the psychology department, Andrea Townsend in the biology department and Kate Jones-Smith in the physics department. While Reynolds is "terribly impressed" with all the appointments, he admits to especially looking forward to working with Andrea Townsend, considering that she is joining him in his home department of biology.

The existing professors, students and new hires alike are looking forward to the upcoming academic year. The new appointments "bring excitement to the faculty already here," said Reynolds, "injecting new methodologies, widening the range of academic expertise, and bringing new possibilities for our interdisciplinary programs."

Student leaders work to develop program

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Reyes said. "I think that doing that slowly and getting student organizations and other upperclassmen involved will get more people into the program."

"We realize this is a learning year, some of our ideas might crash and burn," Lintala said. "But if you're not willing to take risks for a community you believe in, what's the point of being here?"

Twenty-five groups, led by 21 RAs and the four FYE leaders, compete for points by attending FYE-eligible events. In addition to the core school-organized events, campus organizations can make their programming "FYE-eligible." If an organization leader submits a proposal and an event qualifies by being open to everyone, free of charge and substane-free, atendees can win FYE points.

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First-year students pose for a picture at "Prom Down for What" Saturday.

"We're hoping that it's a good resource not just for first-years but for groups on campus who are holding events," Hambrook said. "That way our campus can become even more close-knit and everyone becomes more involved."

The group that wins the most points by the end of the semester will win an all-expenses-paid trip to Destiny USA mall in Syracuse, and individual prizes include an iPad mini and a travel voucher.

Though not a part of the FYE program, first-year cluster housing is another change to the first year experience. For the first time, all first years live in either all-first year dorms or on all-first year floors.

"I've noticed that in my hall a lot of [first years] go down the hall to introduce each other and come eat at the same time," Reyes said. "I think it makes it easier to know your classmates a little better, instead of being scattered all over campus."

"One of our main hopes for the program, especially because we've gone to first year clusters for housing, is that the first year class will be spending a lot more time together," Lintala said. "We're trying to build that unity, that class identity. Community is a big thing at Hamilton and we're trying to foster that even more."

Future orientation details to be finalized

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ship building and the authenticity of the experience."

Making AA, OA or XA mandatory also means that pre-orientation and regular orientation will essentially become combined into "one universal Orientation program for all first-year students," as Chefalo put it. "This will include a small group trip (AA/OA/XA), as well as some of the programming that has been a part of on-campus New Student Orientation in the past." Chefalo, along with Director of Community Outreach Amy James and Director of Outdoor Leadership Andrew Jillings, is currently in the process of working out the details for next year's orientation schedule. With the large expansion of the program as well as the melding of pre-orientation and regular orientation, many specifics still need to be decided. For instance, Chefalo noted that she, James and Jillings will be thinking about how to hire leaders for orientation. "Student leadership of orientation under the new model is a good question, and one we have not fully sorted out yet," she said, but now that this year's orientation is over, they will proceed to answer such questions.

Despite the large amount of logistical planning ahead, Chefalo is optimistic and excited about the new orientation program. "My hope is that full participation in XA/OA/AA trips will allow all first-year students to begin their time at Hamilton with strong connections to at least a few of their fellow students, and a better understanding of the Hamilton community that they are entering," she said. "I also hope that moving to a universal New Student Orientation will alleviate some of the disparity in experience that might currently exist among students who do/do not participate in pre-orientation, and will create one orientation experience shared by all Hamilton students, and a more seamless transition into life at Hamilton."

Although pre-orientation will not continue as a separate program, it will remain a significant and fundamental part of the overall orientation experience for next year's first-years. As OA leader Hannah Corman '16 notes, "The program allows for incoming students to develop lasting relationships with their leaders and other participants that create an irreplaceable experience." Starting next fall, all incoming Hamilton students will have the opportunity to create such valuable experiences.

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NESCAC NEWS

by Kirsty Warren '18
News Contributor

Wesleyan University Class of 2018 includes 10 veterans

Wesleyan University partnered with the Posse Foundation to include ten veterans in the class of 2018. The Posse Foundation's Veterans initiative, launched in 2012, aims to help veterans earn bachelor's degrees by providing four-year scholarships to selective colleges and universities. Wesleyan is the second institution, after Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to partner with the Posse Veterans Program.

"I am tremendously excited about our partnership with the Posse Foundation to bring a cohort of veterans to campus each year," said Wesleyan President Michael Roth in a statement on the school's website. "We believe this group of undergraduates will add greatly to our diverse, dynamic campus, and that they will thrive in a community that values boldness, rigor and practical idealism."

The group of veterans underwent a rigorous application process. From hundreds of applicants, the Posse Foundation selected 25 candidates who applied to Wesleyan and went through months of interviews. According to the school, Wesleyan plans to welcome 10 new Posse veterans each year.

"The Class of '18 has all the hallmarks of another great Wesleyan class," said Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Nancy Hargrave Meislahn. The 757-member class also includes 15 QuestBridge Match scholars and international students from 30 different countries. "They bring an incredible range of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives which is sure to enliven our community, inside and out. I am struck by the great curiosity and resilience with which these individuals have embraced their worlds," Meislahn said.

Middlebury alum released by Al Qaeda affiliate

Middlebury College alumnus Peter Theo Curtis was released on August 24 after being held by Al Qaeda affiliate Nusra Front for nearly two years. Curtis, an author-turned-freelance journalist, was taken captive near the Syrian border in 2012. According to *The New York Times*, Curtis' release was negotiated by the government of Qatar. The release was unexpected as it came less than a week after the beheading of another American journalist at the hands of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

"We are so relieved that Theo is healthy and safe and that he is finally headed home after his ordeal, but we are also deeply saddened by the terrible, unjustified killing last week of his fellow journalist, Jim Foley," Curtis's mother Nancy Curtis said in a statement released to *The Washington Post*.

Curtis graduated from Middlebury in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in literary studies according to an article on the Midddlebury website.

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

Policy changes lead to student backlash

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tion and smoking on the bus…You have a number of students on the bus getting sick on the bus…You have this unsafe...number of students inside the bus, nobody wants to get off, and the driver is stuck driving up the hill."

He added, "Several drivers came to work here at Hamilton on the jitney and left and never came back to work another shift...That says a lot about the Hamilton community."

In the two weeks since its announcement, the new Late-Night Jitney policy has generated extremely vocal responses—both positive and negative—from the student body, as well as from parents and College alumni. As the administration had anticipated, an overwhelming majority of these reactions from students were negative. Disapproval centered on two items: the fact that the change limits students' access to off-campus parties and to the Clinton bars as well as the potential risk that eliminating the jitney service posed for the safety of students. Though the downtown social scene is typically considered a minority experience, in *The Spectator*'s anonymous survey for the Hamilton student body, approximately two-thirds of the 231 responders stated that they frequently use the service to get downtown.

"Our slogan is 'Know Thyself'… as a governing body of Hamilton college the administrators should recognize the drinking culture at the school they represent - Hamilton - and work towards making it safer for the students instead of just cutting off half of all night time activities down the hill," a student responder said in the survey.

A petition to Thompson entitled "Vote for Safety: Reject Hamilton College's Latest Initiatives to Reduce Alcohol Abuse" was immediately created online, declaring that the new policy would result in drunk driving.

"The latest initiative still is pointless because everyone can ride up the hill (this is when people are most drunk/destructive anyway… underage students will just opt to go downtown before 10pm, moving the pre-games downtown and disrupting the village [even more] than before," another student-responder stated. Some students even wrote incensed comments or social media posts specifically directed towards Dean Thompson, including, "Nancy needs to be stopped," "End oppression," and "Get off your power trip, Nance."

"I knew people would respond that way," Dean Thompson told The Spectator, referring to the extreme student backlash to the jitney policy and comments about the suggested inevitability of drunk driving resulting from it. "To say that the College is promoting drunk driving or even causing it by not providing transportation for underage students...just doesn't hold up for me."

Yet, the student uproar is predominately based upon the assumption that the administrative action is just punishment for past behaviors exhibited by Hamilton students. Thompson was emphatic in her explanation that the new policy is not intended as punishment; it is the College's way of taking responsibility for students' safety. She explained it "felt really irresponsible" for the College to permit the jitney to drive underage students to bars and downtown parties and that doing so "promoted in a certain way illegal behavior." She continued, "I felt it was a decision I needed to make in order to be responsible."

However, Magnarelli did note that students had many opportunities to work with the administration. "I sent multiple messages [and] pictures...I asked for people to respond with information, and nothing. The behavior didn't stop, information about who was responsible was never shared...I really feel like we've gotten to a point where there was no choice, we had to make some meaningful change."

Thompson and Magnarelli were invited to the Student Assembly meeting on Monday, Sept. 1 to explain and discuss the administration's changes. At that time, the student body addressed its major concerns to the representatives, such as the inability of students living off-campus to get home on the jitney. Thompson and Magnarelli assured Student Assembly that an exception to the new policy will be made for the underage students who live downtown. They also emphasized that students responded in polls that they felt the Late-Night shuttle was unsafe and that changes needed to be made; this decision was not made without disregarding student input.

The policy changes regarding the Late-Night service will definitely last through the Fall 2014 semester and most likely will continue into the Spring 2015 semester. Thompson and Magnarelli, however, are open to student input for other ways the destruction and disruption caused by student behaviors can decreased."

Despite the sentiments expressed against the new policy, many Hamilton students fully support the College's initiative. "The late night jitney is a luxury. The late night jitney transporting underage students to places to consume alcohol was even more of a luxury. Underage students should recognize how much of a luxury this service is and should find better things to cry about, as well as finding ways to make campus more fun," a student responded in *The Spectator*'s survey. Other students note that the minority of students this policy "affects" is impacting the college experiences of the majority of students at Hamilton.

Most students and Hamilton alumni who support the administration's decisions ultimately agree that, as one student-responder said, "This whole debate is an attempt by privileged students to shirk their individual responsibility to act civilly and legally."

The administration, especially Thompson, remains hopeful that the student body will cooperate with the recent changes and will develop a more positive climate on campus.

"We have to figure out some way to navigate this thing," Thompson said.

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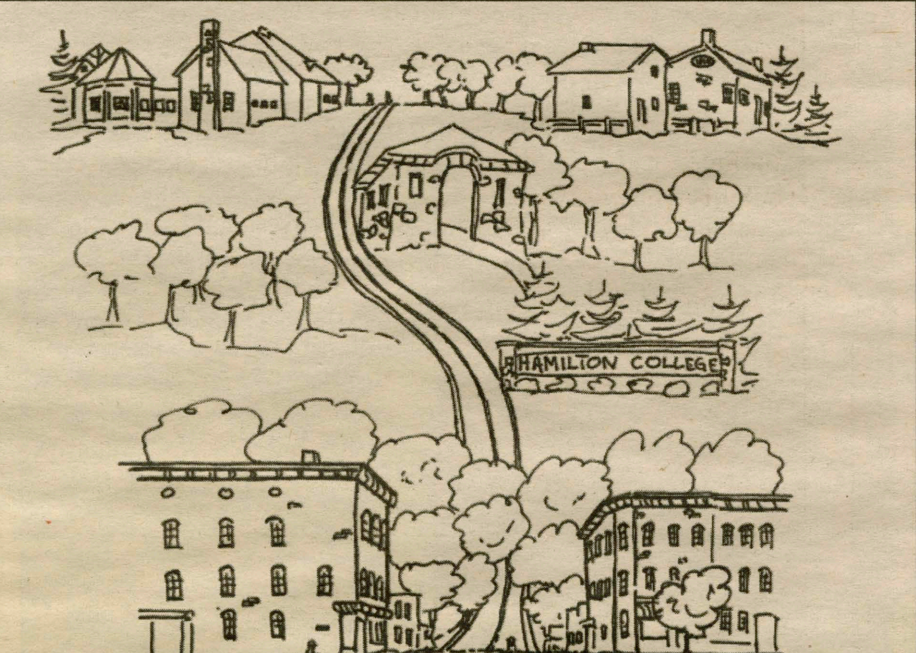

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Don't take your school for granted

The start to the 2014-2015 academic year has been unnecessarily controversial. On August 22, Dean of Students Nancy Thompson emailed the student body informing the school of a number of policy changes, many of them surrounding the drinking culture both on and off-campus. These changes are detailed *The Spectator*'s cover story.

Unsurprisingly, this was not the most popular email Thompson has ever sent. Sent just four days before students were permitted to return to campus, the email sparked outrage. Many angry students turned to social media to vent their frustrations. Others waited until they came to campus to complain about the changes with their friends. Regardless, one week into the semester, the policy changes announced in the email have been a hot topic among current and past Hamilton students.

Perhaps what has been most striking to the members of *The Spectator* has been the administration's roll-out of the policy changes. The public outcry surrounding Thompson's email could have been significantly diminished, in our opinion, were there not such a dearth of detail in the initial notice. Thompson failed to state that the Jitney would provide return transportation to students regardless of age – an issue that significantly raised concerns about drunk driving. She also did not explain the reasons behind imposing the seemingly arbitrary $1 fee or did she mention how the situation would affect students who were living off-campus in the Village of Clinton.

That being said, the students of Hamilton College are by no means blameless. While we at *The Spectator* know that the vast majority of students are neither responsible for nor have partaken in the activities mentioned by Thompson, the actions of a small number of our colleagues have forced the administration's hand. Let us be clear--the administration's intentions are good. It is its job to keep us safe, and to follow the law. The Late-Night Jitney is a privilege – not a right. We as students must create a culture on campus in which the behavior that led to these policy changes is unacceptable. We also must take responsibility for our collective past actions instead of whining about "oppression" and "the violation of our rights." Let us all be leaders and stand up to fellow students who are disrespectful or destructive on and off the Hill.

Finally, while the administration certainly has no obligation to explain the reasons behind policy changes, the student body's greater trust in the administration understandably erodes when it does not. Since Thompson's email was sent, the administration has made a greater effort to clarify its decision to enforce the changes, but it is important that future policy changes not only involve students but also inform them of every detail of the changes and the reasons for them in advance.

This was an avoidable situation. Let us all learn from this event, move forward together and make this a positive school year.

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Could travel mugs replace paper cups?

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Opinion Contributors

If a group of Hamilton students were to walk into the Glen and chop down 10 trees, they would likely be suspended, or even expelled. But what if no one were around to hear the trees fall? What if no one noticed their absence? There is an old parable that asks, "If a tree falls in the woods but no one is around to hear it, did it really fall?" There are many crimes in this world that are largely invisible to the public eye, but an inconspicuous crime is no better than a bank robbery in broad daylight. We believe Hamilton's student body has committed a serious, but relatively discreet, environmental crime.

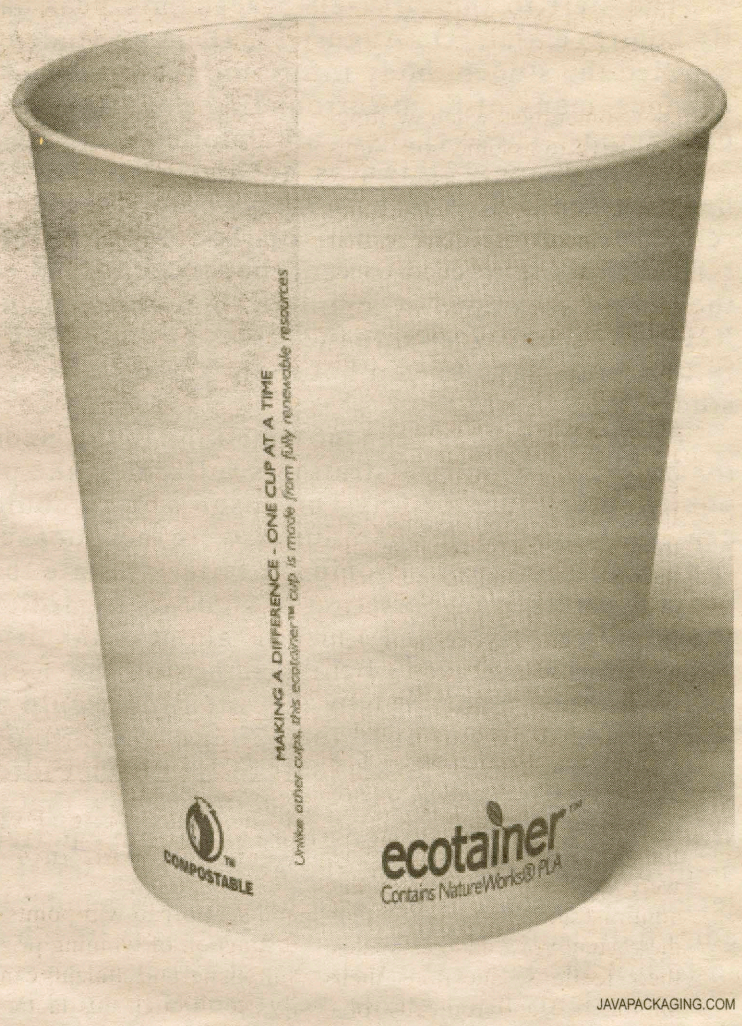
Hamilton prides itself as environmentally conscious and forward-thinking, yet we lag behind peer institutions in conservation habits. According to Bon Appétit, each Hamilton student uses an average of two paper cups per day, which amounts to about 24,500 cups per week. This equates to about 10 trees per week and does not account for the environmental impact of their production and disposal. Furthermore, the majority of these cups find their way into trash cans, instead of recycling bins. This problem has been previously discussed, and a number of students have raised the issue, demanding that the College take steps to curb its paper waste.

An important step toward this goal is to find a way to decrease our consumption of paper cups in dining halls, while at the same time not inconveniencing students. We are relieved to see Hamilton's campus making progress toward this goal—starting with the reusable water bottles given to freshmen at registration, and the ceramic mugs Bon Appétit has brought back to Commons and McEwen.

In a meeting with Bon Appétit General Manager Patrick Raynard, students were told that Bon Appétit would support a student-led initiative to curb cup usage—as long as the various groups working on this project were on the same page. After researching the issue and discussing options with Raynard, Katie Conroy '16 created a Facebook campaign called "Cut the Cups" to help raise awareness of the issue and reach a common consensus. The page has already garnered more than 700 members. Numerous ideas and surveys have been shared and discussed on the page. Using this page as a tool for communication, Conroy seeks to make a difference in regard to paper waste reduction on Hamilton's campus.

Students have suggested many potential solutions, but we believe the most promising are the implementation of cardboard cup sleeves and a travel mug share program. The cardboard cup sleeve suggestion seems like a viable solution. Students often stack two cups together because warm drinks make them too hot to handle. The cardboard cup sleeves would reduce the number of paper cups used. Additionally, they are also recyclable.

The proposed travel mug share program mimics those of Bowdoin College and Connecticut College. While this suggestion has been pushed aside under the postulate that Hamilton students would steal, and ultimately deplete, the mug supply (such as with the umbrella-share program), it would stand to make a big difference in our waste output. The proposed mug share program is intended to lower the number of paper cups we use on campus with a solution that is convenient to students. In theory, students would take the clean travel mugs from the dining halls, drop them off in bins scattered throughout campus after finishing their drink, and the mugs would be collected, washed and placed in the dining halls. One could argue that those who want travel mugs could simply buy their own. However, as the semester heats up and workloads begin to weigh more heavily on students' schedules, washing a personal travel mug everyday becomes a hassle: mugs sit on students' desks collecting dust, and conservation is pushed to the backburner.



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The travel mug program would wash mugs for students. Ultimately, students would opt to save paper as a matter of convenience. The average, sleep deprived Hamilton student could stumble into Commons, grab a freshly cleaned travel mug, fill it with piping hot coffee and saunter to class. We are used to being pampered here on the Hill—perhaps the way to saving the world is by indulging our busy Continentals.

Ultimately, a travel mug program has shortcomings, but with a well-supported Facebook page, we believe that our community is willing to give it the old college try.

Thumbs Up

Hogwarts at Hamilton auditions: For anyone interested in taking a beloved universe from their childhood and throwing dildos in it.

New Arts Center: For anyone interested in taking a multimillion dollar building and throwing dildos in it.

First acoustic coffee house: take a break from crying over your econ problem set to go watch someone who followed their dreams.

Thumbs Down

First real week of classes: Freshman have already done all the reading; seniors are taking notes on the back of a crumpled receipt from Clinton Wine and Spirits.

New vending machine in Beinecke: we got rid of paper cups and added an energy sucking flat screen TV that sells plastic bottles.

Email warning us about school buses: helpful if you thought those vehicles were only used for transportation to and from The Breakaway.

Who Cares?

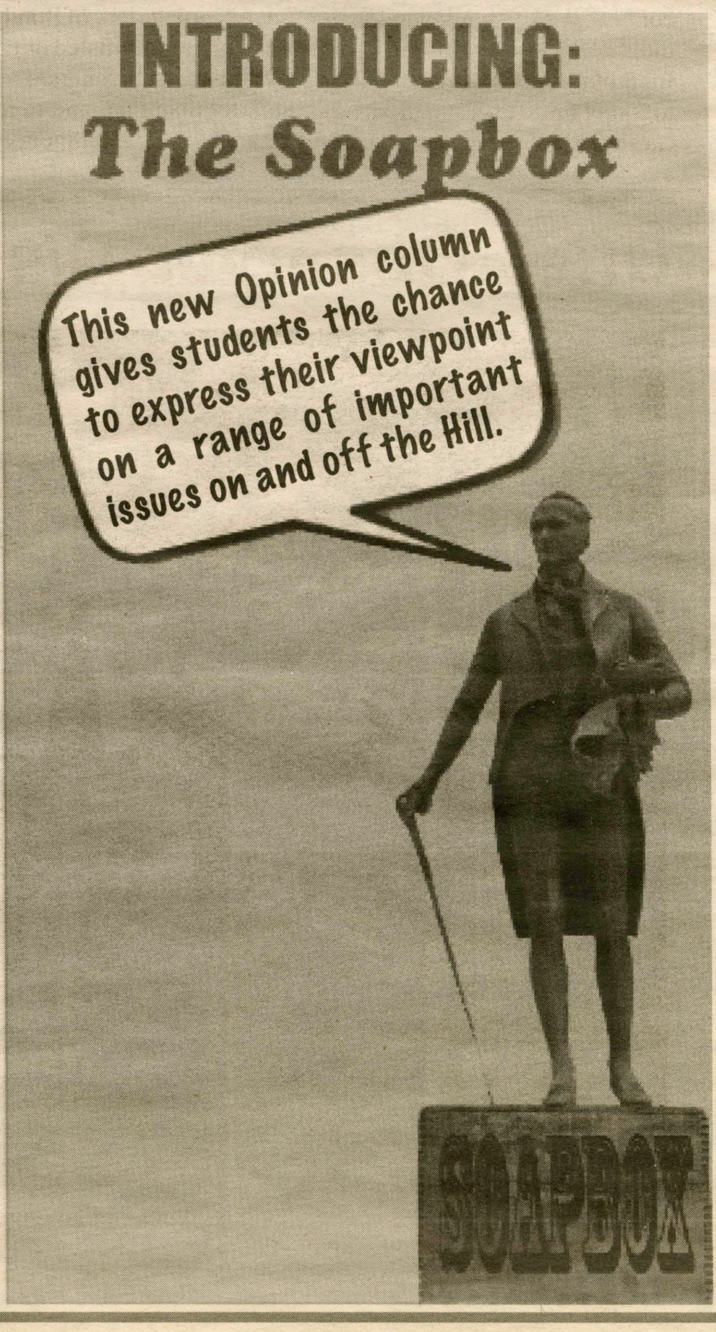
Free 5 Hour Energy with your textbooks: books are expensive, but pity is free!

Work for Event Staff: meet a hunk by following him around the Annex and asking if that's a handle in his pocket or if he's just happy to see you.

Senior gift committee: if you don't donate, you have to pour a bucket of ice over your head. Just kidding, we can no longer afford to take more than one ice cube out of the dining halls.

by Shea Crockett '15 and Wynn Van Dusen '15

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this column are purely of a satirical nature, and are not representative of the views of *The Spectator* editorial board.



Too much hand-holding in the FYE?

by Kevin Welsh '15
Opinion Contributor

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The First-Year Experience converted several residence halls, such as Keehn (above), into first-year housing, altering several parts of student life.

Sometimes when writing, you have to assume your audience doesn't know as much as you do. However, when dealing with someone face-to-face, that tactic is at best presumptive and, at worst, condescending. This subtle difference between ideas and action, theory and practice, is where I have a problem with certain aspects of the First Year Experience. While the aims and ethos of the program are thoughtful and hopeful, how the administration is choosing to engage with the first-years after orientation is disconcerting.

Though I have certainly felt a smug sense of superiority over the incoming students, in reality, I am only three years older and not really much wiser. For all intents and purposes, we are peers, and it would be insulting for me to treat them as if they were all ignorant. But for the administration to treat them like they actually *are*, underestimates their feelings, questions their intelligence, and ironically robs them of a full college experience!

First-years know what college is like, or at least they think they do. There are plenty of TV shows, movies and BuzzFeed articles about it, and many have older brothers and sisters in college. They arrive with strong preconceptions about undergrad life, and for better or worse, alcohol and parties are staples in their collective imagining of it. Incoming students are not going to forget these exciting ideas because they are grouped into teams and sent off to win points. The distraction of winning prizes is simplistic, and students can easily see through this tactic, disengage with it, and, ultimately, maybe begin to undermine it. I know that if I were a first-year, sent off to learn about the importance of time management for a prize, I would have laughed and sworn to never go to such an event. The administration's extended hand-holding is a lovely idea for middle schoolers, but newly-established adults who have heard the lore of Bundy parties will not be misled or tricked by endless icebreakers. They are smarter than that, and to underestimate their intelligence is to set yourself up for defeat.

Besides the practical issues with trying to babysit first-years, I worry there is also an issue of courtesy. While incoming first-years are the least experienced group on campus, do we honestly think they are that new here? These are not kindergarteners or even high school freshmen. We are talking about legal adults. Nothing significant or magical happens in the first year of college that makes someone so much smarter or more adept at life.

The programming aspect of the FYE is very well-intentioned. It is supposed to introduce and encourage engagement in different parts of Hamilton life, but it is run under the guise that everyone else who has ever attended Hamilton has drowned in their own naiveté, that this program will somehow enlighten and save the next generation. I fully support lectures on diversity, acceptable sexual conduct, and the proper use of alcohol, but beyond that, I believe college is not about being led to success, but earning it yourself. The first year of college is the first solo adventure most students take, while still remaining safe within the bounds of the Hill. Reaching in further with more tips, events, lectures, panels and games is taking away the year's exciting, endeavoring spirit of and handing it over, neat and tidy, on a silver platter. The newly arrived students are not completely incapable. While they are inexperienced, so was every Hamilton student when he or she first arrived, but we all eventually learned and matured. And while college comes with inherent challenges, overcoming them is a part of the ultimate learning experience, and conquering the challenges leads to even sweeter success in the end.

Students are expected to act like adults and, in turn, should also be treated as adults. I understand the program's aims and stress that I overwhelmingly support them. It is the tone of the program that worries me, and I think there is a solution.

There is real power in a candid conversation between peers, and getting instruction from someone who lived your current position could be a refreshing way to introduce different aspects of Hamilton life. Instead of lectures and highly trained leaders, maybe first-years could have conversations with thoughtful, ordinary peers. It could be a lunch in Commons during the first couple of weeks. Instead of a game show, hoping to divert your attention away from the pyramid of beer cans in the corner, it would be a proper guide to one of the most overwhelming and complicated experiences of their young lives. Playing into the knowledge gap and praying for naïveté seems in and of itself naïve, but leveling the playing field, seeing each other eye to eye, may be the only way left to evolve habits on the Hill.

Utica Observer-Dispatch taints Hamilton's reputation

THE SPECTATOR ARCHIVE
"Take Back the Night" is one of several Hamilton community events to raise awareness on sexual assault.

by Ben Fields '15
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Last week's *Utica Observer-Dispatch* was an utterly shocking display of journalistic incompetence. On Aug. 29, Alissa Scott wrote a front-page article originally titled, "Hamilton College Ranks High on Sex Offenses." The headline changed when it was posted on the Internet. The article attempts to use empirical facts in order to portray Hamilton as being worse than other peer institutions at handling sexual abuse violations. What it actually does is distort data in order to lay an alarmist claim that Hamilton is an outlier in sexual assault among small New York colleges.

Rather than beginning the piece with a statement of the nature of sexual assault statistics nationwide, Scott starts by attempting to frighten her readers, claiming that, despite orientation programming around the issue, Hamilton is full of sexual assault. While the headline is alarmist, the article's most egregious aspects come in the distortion of facts. Scott opens with a quote from a first-year who says, "I definitely feel safe at my school," and then proceeds to portray Hamilton as having a serious problem with sexual assault.

As Hamilton officials explained through a press release, underreporting sexual assault is a nationwide problem. It does our College a disservice to claim that our campus is unsafe based upon a flawed statistic. Students are required to participate in education concerning sexual assault, both before coming to campus and once here. Through this programming, and strong engagement from Title IX Coordinator Meredith Harper Bonham, Hamilton works hard to address the issue of sexual assault.

This is not to say that there is never sexual assault on campus, but rather to explain that sexual assault is a nationwide issue on all college campuses. Hamilton has worked hard to address these issues, including through athletics. Director of Athletics Jon Hind has instituted department-wide programming, including an annual public reading of sexual assault stories by male student-athletes.

While the largest issue with the *O-D*'s article may be the headline, the body of the article is not that much better. The simple fact that a college could ever claim to have zero sexual assaults is misleading. Additionally, while Hamilton may rank third among similar-sized New York schools, an appropriate comparison to peer institutions in the NESCAC would find we rank in the middle.

This article could have been an opportunity to address the serious issue of sexual assault in the nation; instead it came across as an opportunity for the *O-D* to create an alarmist headline to sell the paper and taint our College's name in the eyes of the local community.

Beers with Ben at The Little Pub

by Ben Fields '15
Senior Managing Editor

"Beers with Ben" features various members of the Hamilton faculty in off-the-cuff interviews at the Little Pub.

This week features **Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Pat Reynolds,** *drinking a Blue Moon "no fruit".*

What would you do if you weren't a professor?
From fairly on, I thought I wanted to be a scientist. I originally thought it would be in the maths/physics side. The school I went to was pretty small, I never did biology in secondary school, so I did it the first time in college. I had this amazing teacher you know, and we dissected an earth worm and thought it was just amazing, fascinating to see that it wasn't just mush inside. So, I wanted to be a scientist from early on, but I don't know what I thought at the time, but I've gotten older and looked back and wondered if I had this interest earlier what would've happened. I play Irish traditional folk music on the fiddle, and in one dream life, I would be spending a lot more time on that. But, you know, being a professional musician's not an easy life, and maybe I don't want to do that. But that's certainly a vocation I would've wanted to do more of. But from early on, I was quite sympatico with teaching. You know, I loved playing soccer, and I think my body and skills – hand, foot, eye coordination – developed quickly, but my brain, my calmness developed later. If that was better coordinated, maybe I would've been a better soccer player.
I heard you were a big premier league fan.
Everyone growing up in Ireland has a team in England, and mine was Liverpool. From the age of 11 or 12, I supported them, before they started winning everything in the 80's. Of course, you know, it's silly talking to you about this, but working here and you start with the internet and suddenly you could follow it. Of course now you can watch it all the time, so that's become a big deal for me again.

So you've been at Hamilton for 22 years, if you could change anything about Hamilton what would it be?
Even things outside of my control?
Anything.
I think Hamilton has changed a lot in those 22 years in lots of very positive ways. As I told you earlier, it was a great and really beautiful place to come. Well you know I'd like the winter to end February 1st and for spring to be longer. I'd like—and this is something I'm working on so don't think I'm making this too business like—I'd like the rest of the world to know more about Hamilton than I think they do. There's something historical, and (don't ask me to put my finger on it) Hamilton's sort of in the backwater, but I think that is changing. I would somehow change the alcohol center, I know this is as likely as changing when winter ends, but you know there's something about – when I was going to college, you know, the drinking age in Ireland is 18, people were drinking beer and wine – there's an angle on it about hard alcohol, and that's the not great part. So magic wand, I would change that.

Where would you live if you could live anywhere in the world?
I love living here, it's been a great place to raise our daughter. Where would I live? I've been to some beautiful places, looking for those mollusks [Reynolds' work focuses on mollusks] I think I've travelled pretty good. A couple places stay with me for one reason or another. One is the West Coast of California and central California, I lived in Santa Cruz, taught in Berkeley, and played music in the Irish pubs in San Francisco, and there's something about that part of California, it makes me feel good being there. Maybe it's watching the sun set in the ocean or some historical sense about slightly laid back attitude in California. So that's my first candidate. My second one, is not far from where I grew up in [County] Mayo. There's an island off the coast called Achill Island. My wife grew up there, but there's a village in the middle of it called Keel, it's a small enough village, but you look out this way, and there's the Atlantic Ocean where the sun will set to and there's cliffs. You look behind you, and there's 200 year old villages that are abandoned there's history there. This summer we got back there for a couple of days and looked at each other and said "this is one of the most beautiful places," for us. It resonates for us. It's going to be the west coast of somewhere, either Santa Cruz or the West Coast of Ireland.

If you were stuck in an aisle of a supermarket, what aisle would you want that to be, and why?
Cool, good question. I think I find the cereal aisle the most fascinating one, but if I was stuck there I think I would be in that aisle with all the personal stuff. You know the one with the shampoo and toothbrushes, because, you know, there's lots of useful stuff there. You can't walk down that aisle very far without finding something you need.

Do you have a favorite Disney character?
I feel I do, yes. My ranking of Disney characters was a bit screwed up by my 14 year old daughter and having gone through several years of Disney. I think, the first time where she exhibited superior knowledge over me, she was really quite small, and we were at Disney World. We were going into Sleeping Beauty, and I said, "Let's go see Ariel" and she said "Ariel's not here." That was kinda cool. I'm stumped. It might come up to me again.

Pick 3 words to describe yourself?
Hard-working, it's hyphenated. I think I am sociable or friendly or something like that. And nostalgic. If you talk to my wife, she'll tell you that I bore her to tears that kind of way. Other people have said those words about me, so I guess they must be true.

What book are you reading right now for fun?
I just finished a book, does that count? It's a history book on Ireland's War of Independence and Civil War. This book is about that in Mayo, the county I come from. I saw this in the airport, and so I got it and started reading it, and it was fascinating. It was an interesting political time, between the Easter Rising in 1916 and World War One. My two grandfathers, one fought in World War One and the other in the Old IRA. So I think I had one grandfather in the trenches and the other hiding in ditches.

If you could have any celebrity as your best friend, who would it be?
Okay, I'm not gonna say Gwyneth Paltrow. Instead, I'm going to say Clive Owens. He's a Liverpool fan, by the way.

What superhero would you want to dress up as for a day of work?
I had two favorite superheroes when I was young. One was Captain America, and the other one was that Fantastic Four character, The Flame. So, if I could dress up as The Flame, I would.

If you could live in any dorm on campus, where would you live?
I've only been in a dorm once, when I offered a ride to some student in the summer or something. If I was living in a dorm on campus I think I would want to be on the Kirkland side, in the warren of those old dorms. Because, it seems to me kind of cheek-to-jowl and holds more possibility to me.

If you could go back in time to any era, which era would you go back to?
I think about this a lot, I'm big into genealogy. I would go back to the Irish Famine and go back to the cottage that I lived in in Ireland because there would be a bunch of relations there. I would want to find out who they were exactly and find out what it was like.

If you could speak to any world leader, past or present, who would it be?
The Irish part of me says I probably would have found something to say to Margaret Thatcher about moving things on a bit. She held up things a bit. Overwhelming, I think wouldn't have much impact. If I did think I'd have an impact you'd talk about people with serious stuff, you know Hitler or something like that. Maybe it's part of my politics or something, Democratic presidents, some of them were very successful, but there's aspects of some things they did that you'd say, "don't do this." If I just wanted to me and chat with a world leader, I'd love to spend sometime with Gandhi.

If you could move your office anywhere on campus, where would you move it to?
I think Couper is very nice, I'd love to have one of those rounded offices in the tower. Somewhere on the Kirkland side with big windows that have quite a view. I'm from the science building, and I was there when we moved into the new building and I had this beautiful view down into the valley. I was there for a year and then I moved to Buttrick, so I really regret not being there.

If you could tear down any building on campus and rebuild it, which would it be?
Root, but I would preserve the pillars.

What is your least favorite thing about humanity?
Acting without thinking. That happens sometimes to all of us.

What's your favorite thing about humanity?
Love.

Who would play you if they made a biopic about you?
It's hard to talk about one's self. Clive Owen, although people say that I look like Colin Firth. So I don't want to give you the impression that I have a crush on Clive Owen.

Have you ever graded papers drunk?
No. I so often had a drink after grading papers, but not during.

Favorite word?
Daddy, my daughter saying that to me.

Favorite curse word?
I try not to say curse words. Back in Ireland saying the f-word is quite common, and I have relations who use it every other word, so there's a bit of nostalgia for that.

Three things on a desert island?
My fiddle, number one. I almost don't care what comes after that. I assume I have food. I would bring pictures or videos of my family. I would bring James Joyce's *Ulysses*, I think it's a book you could read forever.

Have you ever killed a man, just to watch him die?
No.

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Sex and the Campus

The First-Year's Guide to Getting Some (Respect)

by Kate Cieplicki '16
Features Columnist

Hi first years, welcome to Hamilton! Are you amazed by how attractive everyone is? And intelligent? And friendly? Don't you just want to sleep with everyone? Well, maybe not *everyone*. But that cute guy in your calc class? The president of that club you just joined? The entire chess team?

Your first-year at Hamilton is full of the temptation to overindulge in food, studying, romance and even (especially) sex. No parents, no curfew and lots of booze means that potential sexual partners can easily become actual sexual partners.

With a make-out session and even sex so accessible, it's easy to feel as though you should hit the sack with anyone who strikes your fancy. After all, college is a time to explore your likes and dislikes and really get to "Know Thyself". Sleeping with a lot of people is surely the best way to find out what you like (and don't like) in bed. Right?

And anyway, you're already exploring a lot of things that are out of your comfort zone through joining a new sports team or club, going hiking or trying a cilantro melon sip. It's easy to think of hooking-up as one of those "explorations." It also seems like hooking up is fun because everyone is doing it but the campus culture sometimes seems to go even farther and frame random hook-ups as a rite of passage that every college student must go through before they can have a meaningful relationship.

The intent of this article is not to condemn hooking up or premarital sex. Frankly, I think that hook ups can be valuable learning experiences and that sex (especially good sex) is always really, really fun. All I want to do is give you some real talk about things I wish I'd known about hooking-up my first-year fall:

Not everyone on this campus hooks up or even goes out:
When you're at a party and see a bunch of people making out, it's easy to feel like you're the odd one out. Just try to remember that there are lots of people on this campus (including a large number of upperclassmen) who choose not to hook up for various reasons. Not wanting to hook up on any given night is totally valid.

The chances of you meeting the love of your life at Breakaway are slim, but that doesn't mean you can't have fun:
The above point having been made, if you do choose to hook up, I strongly advise low expectations. By "low expectations" I mean low expectations that the hook-up will turn into a relationship. Bob is not buying you a drink at Breakaway because he's looking for love. He's buying you a drink because he wants to get some. If you both "want some" then this can be a mutually fun, satisfying, no-strings-attached experience. If, however, you start dancing with Bob thinking he is looking for a Mrs. or Mr. Bob things will get messy very, very quickly. There are exceptions to this no-one-hooking-up-wants-a-significant-other rule, but low expectations keep disappointment to a minimum. And who knows? Someone may surprise you. I will note, however, that while low expectations for the long-term potential of a hook-up are crucial, high standards for the way a hook-up should treat you (with respect) are even more essential and worth mentioning.

Don't wait for Saturday night to talk to that person you like:
A common sentiment I heard in my first-year was: "I really like this guy, so I'm going to get drunk this weekend and try to find him and dance with him." Please don't do that! Yes, it's a lot less scary to talk to people when you've had a couple of drinks, but it's also a lot easier to say or do too much and ruin what could have been a shot at something more special than a hook-up. Conversations with people who've piqued your interest while you're drunk are ok, but don't rely on alcohol as a way to tell (or show) someone that you're interested in being more than friends.

You are worth more than the sum of your parts:
You, yes you, reading this article are beautiful, valuable and interesting. But that person you want to sleep with probably doesn't know or care about the interesting parts. They care about your body, your face and the way you're dressed. They don't care that you have two brothers or a pet fish. No offense intended. It's just that hooking-up is inherently selfish, and chances are good that your hook up wants your body for their pleasure. Now is it ok for that selfishness to be mutual? Totally. As I said above, when approached the right way hooking-up can be liberating and fun. But if you're not careful it can also leave you (and I'm talking to guys and girls here) feeling used and empty. Please don't mistake sexual affection for actual affection. We all deserve someone who gives us actual affection: someone who will "absorb everything you say and actually want to hear more" in the words of Bob Marley. Someone with whom you want to spend all of Sunday morning, not just Saturday night. That type of mutual affection ultimately cultivates the best sexual affection anyway.

In the meantime don't worry if it seems like everyone but you is hooking up, because they aren't. Keep low expectations but high standards, don't use alcohol as a way to show interest in a person, and don't mistake someone wanting to sleep with you for someone liking you. Keep faith that there is someone out there who wants nothing more than to cuddle with you and watch Netflix. Go out, have fun, mess up, go against all my suggestions, but please don't strive for less than actual, authentic affection, if that's what you're seeking. Until next time!

Your Choice of Froyo, Tex-Mex & Cupcakes

by Sarah Rahman '16
Features Editor

Lettuce Eat

Hours:
Mon-Wed: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thurs-Fri: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m
Sat: 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m
Sun: Closed

Looking for healthy options around town? Lettuce Eat downtown serves salads, soups and more. Create salads with your choice of greens, proteins, toppings and dressings, and add a side of a soup or maybe a wrap to that order.

Chipotle Mexican Grill

Hours:
Mon-Sun: 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Visit the new Chipotle in New Hartford for gourmet burritos and tacos! Located at 4815 Commercial Drive, you can now order Chipotle online from your dorm room if you're craving that late night chips and guac.

Lizzy's Cupcakery and Candies

Hours:
Mon: 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tue-Fri: 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun: Closed

Lizzy's Cupcakery in New Hartford is serving homemade cupcakes, desserts and candies in the New Hartford Shopping Center Mondays through Saturdays. For those of you with a sweet tooth, plan a visit to this bakery for a bite of a brownie, gluten free cupcakes or a cup of hot coffee. Cupcake flavors include Oreo, key lime, cookie dough and cotton candy, along with regular options. Order your first dozen today by making a call at 315-794-6019.

Fresh Mex

Hours:
Mon-Sat: 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Sun: Closed

Fresh Mex is serving tacos, burrito bowls, quesadillas and salads down the Hill. The Mexican grill also caters nacho, enchilada, taco and burrito bowl bars for events. Visit eatfresh315.com for complete menus and contact information.

sweetFrog

Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sun: 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

sweetFrog is a new frozen yogurt destination in New Hartford. Located next to Panera, sweetFrog serves bowls of froyo in flavors ranging from Alpine vanilla to Irish mint, Greek lemon to New York cheesecake and white chocolate mousse to wild berry tart. Plan a visit to New Hartford and drive to 4827 Commercial Drive for a weekend treat!

All Season's Café

Hours:
Mon-Thu: 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sun: 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

This ice cream parlor recently opened down the Hill and is now serving gourmet chocolates and pastries, sorbets and gelato, as well as ice cream cakes. While walk-ins are welcome, the café is good for groups or a table for two and coffee. Enjoy the outdoor seating while the weather is still warm, or order your treat to go.

A virtual tour of the Kennedy Arts Center

by Julia Dailey '18
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

The decision to construct the new Kevin and Karen Kennedy Center for Theatre and the Studio Arts was part of a series of improvements dating back to the Schambach Center in 1988. Since then, the College has been making consistent meaningful enhancements to the arts facilities on campus. Sam Pellman, a music professor at Hamilton, was at the forefront of the college's push to strengthen arts facilities. According to Pellman, the new center is going to make the arts much more visible at Hamilton and "puts us in a good place in terms of attracting art students."

Indeed, the center has already attracted students interested in art who may not have chosen Hamilton if it were not for updated arts facilities. The construction of a new arts center is a meaningful display of the school's dedication and commitment to art and music, which was a major draw for students like first-year and potential music major Sam Kaplan '18 when searching for schools. "I toured a lot of music halls and departments and the concert hall here just had great acoustics and was one of the best I'd seen," said Sam "It made it seem like an environment conducive to music students."

> **"The community amongst studio art majors will be strengthened with everyone having a studio in the same space"**
> *-Carrie Rudd '16*

The theater program especially opens up opportunities for students in areas like production and design. "We look forward to more and more students finding the Theatre and their place in it," commented Professor of Theatre Carole Bellini-Sharp, who also played a major role in the building's construction. Indeed, a major aspect throughout the new center is the emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration, and creating a space that is accessible to students across disciplines.

In addition to taking the school in a new direction artistically, the Kennedy Center is a departure from Hamilton architecturally. While the Kirkland side of campus is also constructed in a modern style, there is really nothing else like the new building elsewhere on campus. The way the building is constructed with windows entirely lining one side allows an enormous amount of natural light to flow through the building. This gives it a very light and airy feel which is reinforced by the minimal furnishings, high ceilings and open staircases. The building is a modern, forward-thinking, experimental space—an exceptional environment for art. It is also incredibly technologically advanced, with entirely computer-controlled lighting, heating and ventilation.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH COMATOS '15

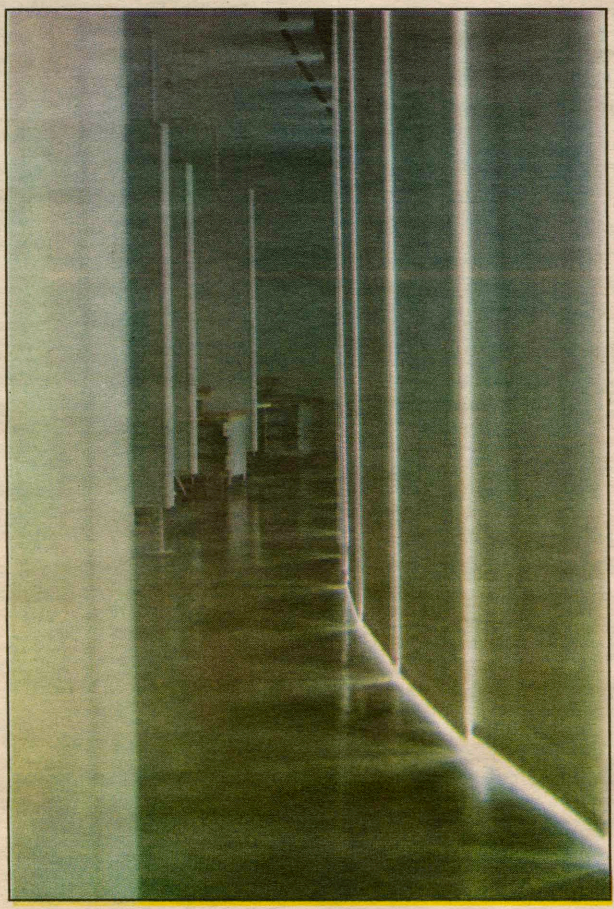
The new Kevin and Karen Kennedy Center for Theatre and the Studio Arts officially opens on Friday, Oct. 10.

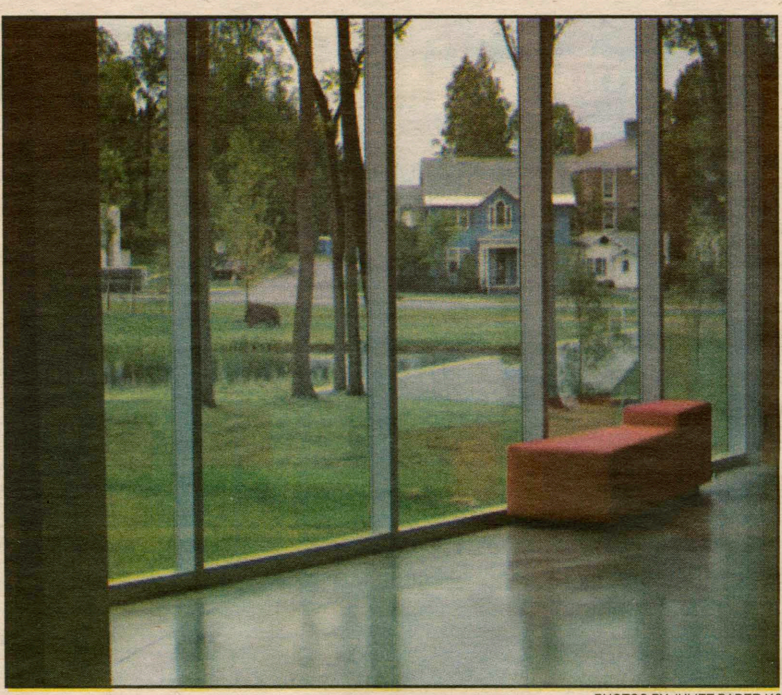
For those of you who have not explored the new building, here's a preview of what's inside: the building's covered entrance has doors on both sides. One side leads to arts faculty offices, where arts professors have private offices and students can go meet with their professors one-on-one. The other door opens to a long curved hallway (left), one side entirely lined with windows facing the pond and grounds in front of the building. The other side of the hallway is lined with a sculpture studio, spray booth and wood shop. These studios are open every day to students registered in studio art classes to work on class work or independent projects. Past the studios is a common space, currently empty, that will serve as an exhibition space for student art. It will be used for critique sessions and as a way for students to share their art with the wider community. Following this is the Linda Johnson gallery, a favorite element of Pellman's, who commented, "I can see it inspiring people to do really interesting things," due to its advanced features including the ceiling's ability to suspend the weight of two cars.

This hallway opens up into a light and spacious lobby dotted with bright orange and red furniture. The main features of the second floor are the theaters, including a small studio/seminar room and design studio suite, the Barrett Lab Theatre and the 175-seat Romano Theatre. Each of these has state-of-the-art features, including alternating sound panels in the Edwin Barrett Theatre, to both absorb and reflect sound. There is also a backstage with a green room and dressing room. On the second floor is another airy lobby, dance studio and faculty offices. Beyond the lobby are more painting and drawing studios, where a variety of studio art classes will be held. These studios were designed specifically by Professor Katharine Kuharic and include numerous impressive features. The studios have six skylights, each with a grid of light around them. This allows students and professors to control light and send it directionally. It also has air handling systems that gauge the amount of fumes in the air and funnel them out, for an exceptionally clean air quality.

At the end of the corridor are the senior project studios, a particularly impressive asset of the new Kennedy Center. Seniors studying studio art will now be able to have their own private workspaces to pursue their projects. This is one of the most exciting rooms in the new building, Kuharic said, "No school has anything like this." It will be a major benefit having everyone working close to each other and collaborating, as studio art major Carrie Rudd '16 commented, "The community amongst studio art majors will be strengthened with everyone having a studio in the same space."

The Kennedy Center for Theatre and Studio Art points Hamilton in an exciting direction in terms of its involvement with the arts. Hamilton will undoubtedly become a much stronger school for the arts, as Bellini-Sharp commented, "Hamilton could become known as an arts school or at least one in which the arts were featured and nurtured." The center is the culmination of many years of work and planning, and has high potential to become a significant space for art in the community. Anyone who has not registered for an art course or gone to explore the new building should do so immediately and experience all of these wonderful new facilities.





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The building is constructed with large windows that allow in plentful natural light.

Jenny Zigrino charms Hamilton

by Ben Mittman '18
Arts & Entertainment Contributor

Last Saturday, August 30, comedian Jenny Zigrino performed in the Events Barn for CAB Comedy's first event of the year. Joyelle Nicole Johnson, a sassy and hysterical comedian from New Jersey, opened for Miss Zigrino with some dirty jokes. Focusing mainly on gender and race, her set compiled several personal anecdotes, including a disaster story about a man she picked up on the side of the street. Joyelle performed for about 30 minutes, after which she shared a hug with the headliner while leaving the stage, giving her friend some love.

Jenny Zigrino jumped on stage rather enthusiastically and began a Hamilton chant which the audience soon joined. She asked "Where my freshmen at?"at which point we all apprehensively raised our hands. When she then inquired where the seniors were, they all cheered, prompting Jenny to laugh at us first-years, saying we are supposed to cheer, not raise our hands. "Learn from them [seniors]," Zigrino encouraged. "They're wasted right now!" This kind of intimate interaction between Zigrino and her audience continued throughout the hour-long performance, which kept everyone continuously connected and engaged. At one point, she warned the crowd that anyone majoring in literature and public policy should rethink their academic paths, as "those are going to do nothing for you" later in life.

"I'm like everybody else in America, mildly depressed with a fake gluten allergy."
-Jenny Zigrino

Zigrino went on to ask the crowd if anyone was celebrating a birthday. When one audience member replied yes, Zigrino quite tactlessly uttered, "Shut the f*** up, we all have f***ing birthdays!" Such candid sarcasm defined the entire show, filled with biting retorts and commentary directed at the students. Zigrino also told stories of her own education at a high school known to be nerdy, remarking, "Even in a school full of losers and rejects, everyone hates the anime kids."

After describing her being raised by a Russian immigrant mother, she made several jokes satirizing stereotypical American characteristics. "I'm like everybody else in America," she jabbed, "mildly depressed with a fake gluten allergy."

PHOTO BY AUDREY NADLER '18

Comedian Jenny Zigrino's onstage antics were decidedly R-rated.

Her performance was also a very vocal one, including a stand-out impression of her mother's thick Russian accent. She recommended that those audience members interested in visiting Russia should not. "They're assholes," Zigrino bluntly stated, "every last one of them." We even got a sampling of her karaoke skills as she sang a rousing rendition of Katy Perry's "Roar" and told a lengthy yet compelling story about beating out a 90-year-old WWII veteran at a karaoke contest on a Caribbean cruise ship. Referring to herself as a "Jewish [girl] with skin conditions," Jenny Zigrino put on an overall fantastic show, filled with digs and jabs. Zigrino is a great comedian and performer, whom you should look up on YouTube—especially if you missed the show. She took hold of the stage, demonstrating her skills as a young and talented entertainer. Despite its being an hour-and-a-half long, the event was wildly enjoyable, and I recommend you attend other CAB Comedy shows to come.

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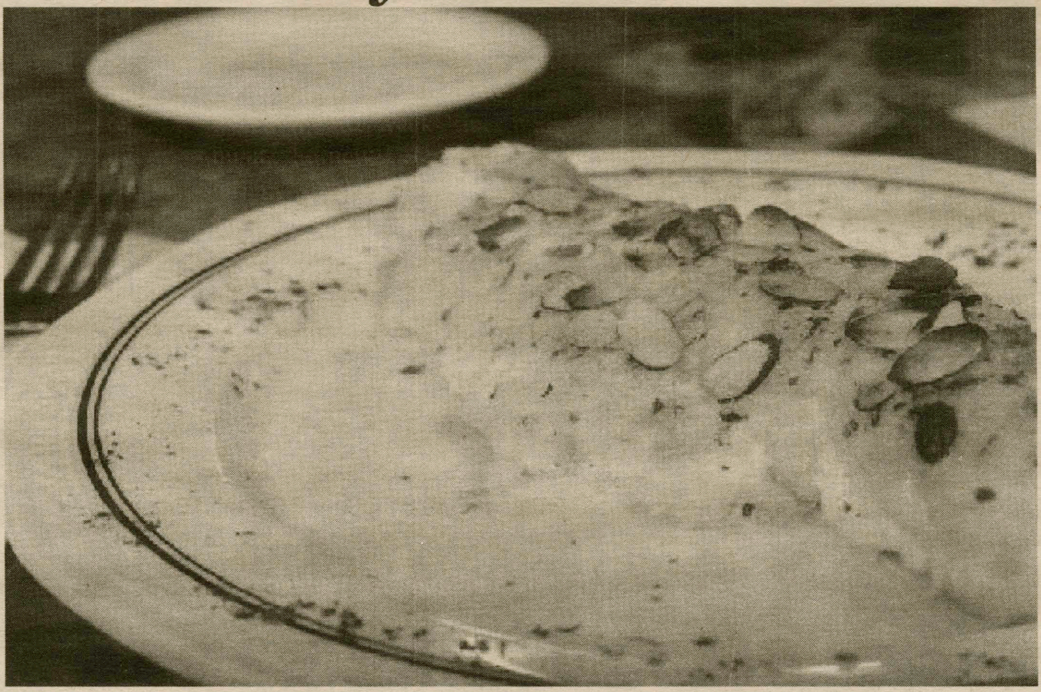

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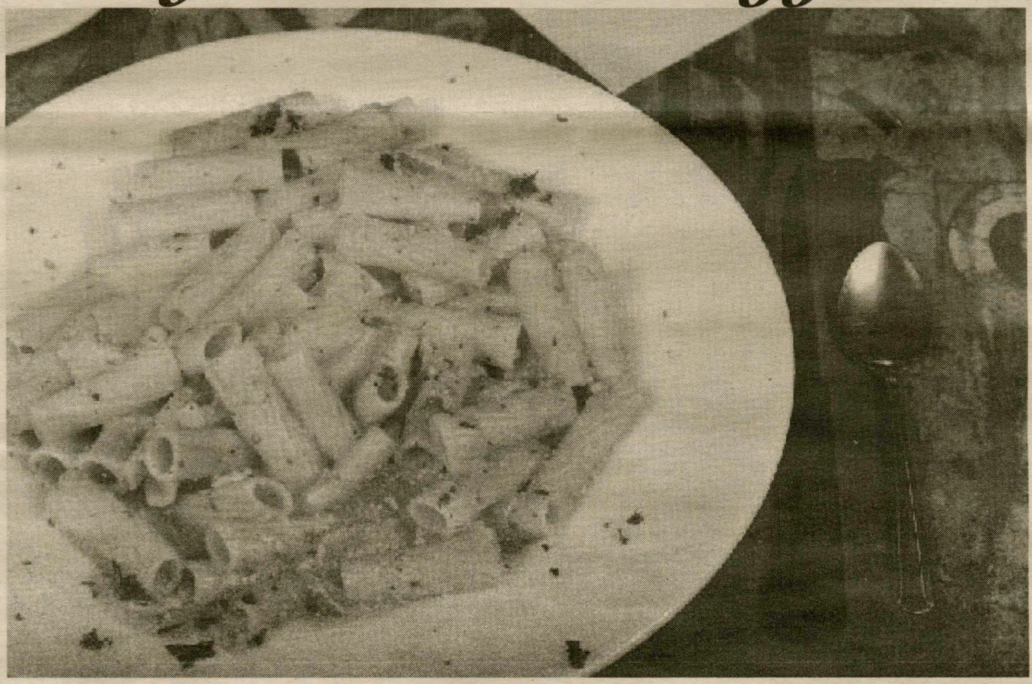

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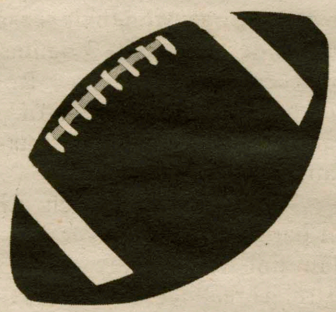

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Rosencrans leads field hockey into 2014 campaign

by Daphne Assimakopoulos '17
Sports Writer

Despite the hot and humid weather, sneakers pound on the turf and sticks drive balls to the back of the goal on the lower turf. Field hockey has returned to the hill, and the Continentals are putting in the work for a successful season.

Hamilton retained team leaders and gained a strong first-year class in 2014. Eva Rosencrans '17 led the Continentals offensively last season, scoring eight goals and 17 points.

Rosencrans was elected to the 2013 NESCAC All-Conference second team and the National Field Hockey Coaches Association New England West Region All-Region second team.

"Eva had a breakout year as a first-year, and obviously, we will count on her to score a lot of goals for us this fall," expressed coach Gillian McDonald. "She is extremely competitive and helps raise the intensity in our practices and games. Our forward line looked really great last Saturday and we are hoping for a bigger output in scoring this fall."

Goaltender Victoria Trentini '15 recorded 93 saves in 2013, and earned a save percentage of .788. She led the NESCAC with 10 or more saves per game this past year.

Sam Sherman '15 returns on defense this season, having played consistently well over her Hamilton career. Sherman led the NESCAC with five defensive saves in 2013. She provides leadership to new first years and underclassmen in the Continentals program.

Sherman opined, "Our team is motivated, focused, and hard working, and I am confident in our ability to achieve our goals. One of our long term objectives is to qualify for the NESCAC tournament. In terms of daily goals, we strive to hold ourselves and each other accountable and to lead proactively or by example."

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> *—Coach Gillian McDonald*

Coach McDonald added, "On a daily basis, our goals are simple: To improve every day by competing hard against each other in practice."

Leadership remains strong among the Continentals, with a dedicated and determined senior class taking the reins. McDonald noted, "We have four seniors on the team this year and they have already showed a ton of leadership by being vocal leaders, while at the same time, leading by example."

In addition, a strong group of first-years enter the program in 2014.

Coach Gillian McDonald commented,"We have six new players joining our team this fall. They all saw some significant playing time in our scrimmages against MIT and Williams last Saturday and we will be counting on some of them to play in crucial positions for us right away".

Rosencrans added, "The freshman are going to play a huge role this year. We have a really small team so everyone is going to make an impact."

Sherman expressed that the first-years "fit right in with the rest of the team. Their positive attitudes and energy are major influences on and off the field. I'm looking forward to watching them grow throughout the season.

The Conts won their season-opening contest on Sept. 3 against SUNY Geneseo by a 2-1 tally. Rosencrans notched both goals in leading a dominant win, as Hamilton outshot the Knights 38-10 on the day.

With fantastic team chemistry, and the hard work put in over the past year, Hamilton field hockey looks forward to a strong breakout season. The Continentals will take on Trinity for their first conference game of 2014 on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Campus Road turf.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE CHAPMAN '17

The Continentals will look to climb the NESCAC standings in 2014.

Soccer teams kick off seasons

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much within the team's grasp, as it has many experienced returners, including Griffin Abbott '15, Dan Kraynak '15, Jacob Frost '15 and Zach Becker '16. The team has a total of nine returning seniors this season.

When asked what the strengths of the team were, Reynolds responded, "Our biggest strength is our depth." He then went on to describe the importance of this team quality: "This year we have two or three guys who can fill any role on the field. This helps avoid injuries and creates healthy competition for starting and sub roles, which pushes everybody to work harder and to keep improving."

The team last year was able to beat the second- and third-place teams in the NESCAC while tying the NESCAC leader. This is what led Reynolds to describe the key to a successful season as follows: "Consistency is crucial to our success this season… If we can bring the high level of intensity that we showed last year against the best teams, we will be a force this year." The men's team has quite a deal to be excited about.

On the women's side there is just as much confidence for the season. The women are coming off of a 5-6-3 year. However, they were undefeated in non-conference play, going 4-0-0. If they can carry that success into conference play they will certainly be a team prepared to compete for a NESCAC title.

The team is anchored by a strong senior class, composed of Meg Alexander '15, Rachel Hirsch '15, Sophie Mayeux '15, Alyssa DiCosmo '15 and Halle Becker '15. Alexander will look to repeat her 2012 campaign in which she was named to the NESCAC All-Conference Team. Another name to keep an eye on is Kendall Daly '17, who is coming off of a great debut season in which she finished sixth and seventh in the conference in points per game and goals per game respectively.

When asked the strengths of the team Alexander responded, "Last year, we had numerous NESCAC coaches approach our head coach after games and compliment our playing style. We're not a kick-and-run team. We like to keep the ball on the carpet, combine and play good quality soccer." They will rely on this style of play to win games. Alexander also noted, "In order to be successful, it is important that our players remain flexible. Every team is going to face adversity, whether they suffer a few injuries or lose an important game. However, I think it's how we handle the adversity that is going to determine the success of our season." As in all sports, inevitable adversity will force the women to maintain their composure in order to sustain success this year.

It is safe to say that the Hamilton men's and women's teams, will definitely be able to satisfy the soccer needs for both longtime enthusiasts as well as those who have just recently found the open arms of the world's soccer addiction after the World Cup.

The men's team opens up its season on Sept. 3 against SUNY OSWEGO, while their first conference game will occur on Sept. 6 when it hosts Trinity. The women's team, whose first game was recently postponed, will now begin its season on Sept. 6, when they will host Trinity as well.

Golf ready for 1st fall tourney

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stronger presence in the New England Small School Athletic Conference (NESCAC) this fall. Led by junior captain Liz Morris '16, the women have the ability to be strong contenders.

Rising star Katie Veasey '17 showed incredible poise on the course throughout the qualifying rounds in posting the low score for both the men's and women's team on Sunday with a score of 76.

As the team heads to St. Lawrence this weekend, rounding out the top five on the women's side are Veasey, Morris, Anne Govern '15, Charlotte Chandler '17 and Katie Steates '15.

Morris had nothing but praise for her team and optimism for the upcoming season. She stated, "This team has the depth that we need to be competitive in our fall tournaments."

Morris continued, "There is a wealth of tournament experience on this older team and I know that is going to help us out throughout the fall tournaments."

On the men's side, there are only three returning players with four new first-years and one new sophomore rounding out the team of eight players. While some had tough first rounds of qualifying, everyone on the team began to gain their form during the final round showing great skill and competeness.

Every player will be pushing one another to be the best they can be on the course, which will make for a strong fall of competitive golf amongst each other and throughout the NESCAC.

In addition to the five players traveling to St. Lawrence on the women's side, the men will be sending Mac Pivirotto '15, Riley Burgess '18, Greg Reeves '17, Gipper Gailor '15 and Joe Tigani '18.

Gailor, a team captain, embraced his team's potential when he said, "We're a young team, but we have a lot of potential and can do really well this season." Gailor continued, "I'm excited to see what our team can do."

Coach Lauren Cupp expressed her enthusiasm for the team. She said, "I am very excited about the potential of the golf team this season. Our young guys showed a lot of promise during the qualifying rounds this weekend."

Cupp continued, "If our returning and new players put in the work and dedication, I predict we will be very successful this season. I hope that we can take advantage of the opportunity to play the NESCAC qualifier at our home course in a few weeks."

Although the fall season is very short, the Hamilton golf team has potential to send a strong message to the rest of the NESCAC in showing their depth and commitment to succeed.

Murray leads football program into new era

by Sterling Xie '16
Sports Editor

Given the football team's recent past, many surrounding the program are eagerly looking towards the future. The hiring of new head coach Dave Murray last May began that task, and as the season approaches, it is clear that hitting the proverbial reset button has rejuvenated the players and staff.

Murray arrives from the Empire 8 Conference's Alfred University, where his 151 career wins ranks 20th among all active Division III coaches. While moving to a NESCAC school brings some significant changes- most notably, the inability to qualify for the Division III playoffs- Murray asserts that he embraced the notion of rebuilding the Continentals.

"Some of the most fun I've had in coaching the game is when you can really build a program, when you can turn things around," he said. "Hamilton has been down for a while, but we certainly hope that we will make ourselves competitive and successful very soon."

The football program has indeed staggered against stiff NESCAC competition. Since 2000, the Conts have compiled 20 wins in 14 seasons, including just a single victory in the past two years. In temporarily taking the head-coaching job on an interim basis last spring, Athletic Director Jon Hind repeatedly reinforced the idea of embedding himself in the program to better diagnose the issues that had cropped up over the years.

While Murray is certainly not ignoring the past, he believes that the program cannot reverse its fortunes unless they quit dwelling on the previous struggles. "We don't talk about it," Murray stressed. "We're not worried about what happened before, we're only interested in what we have. I really think we have an outstanding group of young men... there's been a commitment from our team. We don't talk about winning, but rather improving, playing up to our potential and taking ownership of the program."

PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY FORD
Murray arrives with 151 career head-coaching wins.

The "commitment to the program" has been a prevalent line, as it is clear that the changes to the program are meant to elicit more focus and discipline from all involved. As such, for the immediate future, instilling the correct process of preparation is as important as the raw win-loss total.

On the field, Murray will also be bringing a few noticeable changes to Hamilton's scheme. Offensively, the Andrew Cohen-era Continentals were more of a run-oriented spread outfit. In 2013, the offense compiled 325 total rushing attempts, compared to just 237 attempts. Murray is seeking to install a pro-style offense with a run-pass split that should lean much closer to 50-50.

But Murray's coaching background stems from defense, and as the linebackers coach, that is where he will have his biggest impact. While the Continentals will primarily line up out of a base 4-3 defense, they are planning to incorporate both "one-gapping" 4-3 and "two-gapping" 3-4 concepts.

Such a hybrid scheme has become en vogue throughout the NFL, where top contenders such as the Seattle Seahawks and New England Patriots have adopted a similar defensive philosophy.

However, it remains unclear which players will carry out these new schemes. Murray expects that an upcoming Sept. 6 scrimmage against Cornell will shed some light on that quandary. "It's still too early for me to point out key players," he said. "We scrimmage Cornell this Saturday, and after that, we'll have much more indication of who we can rely on. At this point, we're still installing our playbook and gearing up for Tufts."

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> —*Coach Dave Murray*

With no spring practices at the Division III level, Murray has seen his team practice in pads for just one week. The Continentals are still building an on- and off-field foundation, but a winnable season-opening road contest at Tufts looms on Sept. 20, providing a golden opportunity to end Hamilton's current 12-game NESCAC losing streak.

However, if Murray and the rest of the coaching staff succeed in building the program they have outlined, the results will follow in time.

Postseason or bust for soccer squads

by Joe Jensen '15
Sports Writer

This summer, the United States had its passion for soccer rekindled, and everyone quickly declared soccer our summer pastime. The Hamilton College soccer teams will look to keep the Hamilton community's passion for soccer alive as they chase NESCAC titles and NCAA playoff spots.

The men's team is coming off an overall record of 5-7-3 and a conference record of 3-4-3. Important to note is their great record at home last year. They only lost one game all season, going 4-1-2. The men's team will look to keep this winning tradition alive as well as improve their overall record.

Leading the way this year will be Buck Reynolds '15 who is coming off a season where he was named to the 2013 NESCAC All-Conference Team. Reynolds is setting the bar high for the season and expects nothing less than, "to reach the NCAA tournament." This goal is very

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE DOHERTY
The Continentals are searching for their second straight NESCAC playoff berth.

Young stars headline golf teams

by Tucker Hamlin '17
Sports Editor

As the autumn breeze and chilly evenings already creep up on the Hill, both the men's and women's golf teams are hoping the cold holds off for a few more weeks as they compete in the fall portion of their season.

This past weekend, the entire golf program ventured to the beautiful Rome Country Club to play in the season's first qualifying round. On both the men's and women's team, players posted uncharacteristically high scores while struggling to find a strong rhythm during their play, especially on the firm greens. However, as the weekend progressed, players returned to form and gave a glimpse of all the talent possessed by both teams.

On the women's side, veteran play represents the basis for the squad as they hope to make an even

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE DOHERTY
Katie Veasey '17 is one of several rising stars on the golf team.